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GOVERNMENT TERMINATES UNION MANDATES

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SUMMARY: SIX OF THE 12 LEADERS OF THE 25-GROUP REMOVED
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FROM STATE-OF-SIEGE PEN AUTHORITY HAVE BEEN RELEASED
FROM JAIL. THE JUDGE REJECTED A REQUEST FOR BAIL FROM

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THREE OTHERS. THERE IS NO CONFIRMATION OF LARGE-SCALE ARRESTS OF AUTOWORKERS (BEYOND THE NINE REPORTED BA-3397). IN A SEPARATE DEVELOPMENT THE LABOR MINISTRY HAS TERMINATED THE TRADE UNION MANDATES OF SIX LABOR LEADERS INCLUDING THE ARGENTINE REPRESENTATIVE ON THE ICFTU BOARD AND ANOTHER EXECUTIVE MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE OF 5/25. ACTION REQUESTED: REQUEST LABATT NIXON IN MEXICO INFORM INTERNATIONAL METALWORKER FEDERATION (IMF) REPRESENTATIVE MELGOSA CONCERNING AUTOWORKER LEADER RODRIGUEZ'S RELEASE AND THE LACK OF CONFIRMATION OF LARGE-SCALE AUTOWORKER ARRESTS. END SUMMARY.

1. IN THE EARLY MORNING HOURS OF MAY 3 THE FOLL TRADE UNION LEADERS OF THE COMMITTEE OF 25 WERE RELEASED FROM PRISON ON THE ORDERS OF FEDERAL JUDGE GILETTA: JUAN CARLOS CRESPI (STATE PETROLEUM WORKERS), JOSE MONTAINI (PRIVATE PETROLEUM WORKERS), SAUL UBALDINI (BEER WORKERS), JOSE RODRIGUEZ (SMATA AUTOWORKERS), AND NATONIO MARCHESE (SHOE WORKERS). THE JUDGE'S RELEASE ORDER ALSO INCLUDES GERONIMA IZZETA (MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES), WHO WAS TRANSFERRED TO A PRIVATE CLINIC EARLIER. LABATT SPOKE BY PHONE WITH RODRIGUEZ, WHO CONFIRMED HIS RELEASE AND THAT OF THE OTHERS.

2. JUDGE GILETTA REFUSED TO ALLOW THE FOLLOWING LEADERS OUT OF JAIL ON BAIL: DEMETRIO LOREZNO (FOOD WORKERS), ENRIQUE MICO (GARMENT WORKERS), AND JOSE LUIS CASTILLO (BOAT MECHANICS).

3. THE PRESS ALSO REPORTED THAT JUDGE ADOLFO ZAMOBONI LEDESMA IN CORDOBA ORDERED THE PREVENTIVE

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DETENTION F THE FOLL LOCAL TRADE UNION LEADERS ASSOCIATED WITH THE 25-GROUP: JUAN GENERO DE BLASI (STATE PETROLEUM WORKERS), DOMINGO CARLOS FLAMINI (MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES), JUAN ROBERTO LUPPI (SHOE WORKERS), MANUEL ALBERTO RODRIGUEZ (TELEPHONERS), JUAN CARLOS DE ROMERO (METALWORKERS), AMERICO SALUSTIANO MOGIANO (MOSAIC WORKERS), JUAN CARLOS ROSSI (ELECTRIC TRAINMEN), MANIR FATALA (COMMERCIAL EMPLOYEES), MANUAL ROBERTO REYES (PHARMACEUTICAL EMPLOYEES), SALVADOR DOMINGO GUZMAN (FOOD WORKERS), CARLOS ALBERTO ORTIZ, GERONIMO SUAREZ (WOOD WORKERS), BERNABE SANTIAGO BARCENA, JOSE OVIEDO, AND FRANCISCO ALBERTO SOLANO.

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REPORTEDLY HE ORDERED THE RELEASE OF FOUR OTHER LEADERS: BENTITO AMARANTO (LEATHER WORKERS), FRANCISCO PINO (SODA WORKERS), HUGO BOLDI AND JUAN CARLOS LOPEZ.

4. WE HAVE NO CINFORMATION CONCERNING RUMORS OF WIDESPREAD ARRESTS OF PLANT LEVEL AUTO MECHANIC ACTIVITIESAND ARE INCLINED TO DISCOUNT THAT REPORT.

5. THE MINISTRY OF LABOR ON MAY 3 ISSUED RESOLUTIONS OFFICIALLY TERMINATING THE TRADE UNION MANDATES OF THE FOLLOWING FIVE LABOR LEADERS: ROBERTO GARCIA (TAXIS), HIS BROTHER JUAN GARCIA (TREASURER OF THE TAXI UNION), DEMETRIO LORENZO (FOOD WORKERS), JOSE LUIS CASTILLO (BOAT MECHANICS), AND ENRIQUE MICO (GARMENT WORKERS). ROBERTO GARCIA AND MICO ARE MEMBERS OF THE FIVE MAN EXECUTIVE OF THE COMMITTEE OF 25 AND GARCIA IS ALSO VICE PRESIDENT ON THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE ICFTU, REPRESENTING ARGENTINA.
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